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SUBJ: CSCE: DEVELOPMENTS ON STAGE III TIMING

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1. EFFORTS AT AGREEING TO LATE JULY DATE FOR STAGE III NOW
CENTER ON PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD ON JULY 9 BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR
UPON DIRECT ORDERS FROM PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU
AND CONCURRED IN BY NATO CAUCUS. TEXT IS AS
FOLLOWD:

BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SETS 30TH JULY 1975 AS THE
TARGET DATE FOR THE BEGINNING OF STAGE III.
 2. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, ALL WORKING BODIES ARE URGED
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TO INTENSIFY AND ACCELERATE THEIR EFFORTS IN ORDER THAT

GENERAL AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED ON ALL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS AND WORK COMPLETED BY 15TH JULY; ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS CAN BE DONE, THE DATE FOR THE BEGINNING OF STAGE II WILL BE FINALLY DECIDED.

3. SINCE 30TH JULY MUST STILL BE REGARDED AS A TARGET DATE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND FINAL DECISION, THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND IS ASKED TO PROCEED WITH NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ANY OTHER COURSE OF EVENTS WILL BE SHARED AMONG THE PARTICIPATING STATES END TEXT

2. CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOUND WIDE SUPPORT DURING COORDINATING COMMITTEE(CC) MEETING WHICH WENT INTO EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 10. BY OUR TALLY 22 COUNTRIES HAVE NOW INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS OR SIMILAR IDEAS. THE MAJOR BLOCK TO CONSENSUS CONTINUES TO BE MALTA. MALTESE REP IS OBJECTING TO REGISTRATION OF THE TEXT ON FOLLOW-UP AND THE QRR LANGUAGE UNTIL SATISFIED WITH THE WORDING ON FUTURE COOPERATION WITH MEDITERRANEAN NON-PARTICIPATING STATES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION. A SMALL GROUP, INCLUDING THE US, UK, USSR, ITALY AND FRANCE IS HOLDING INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH MINTOFF'S SPECIAL REP IN AN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK.

3. IN ABSENCE OF QRR REGISTRATION, FRG CANNOT OPENLY SUPPORT CANADIAN PROPOSAL, BUT WEST GERMAN DELEGATION CHIEF SAYS HE WILL NOT BLOCK CONSENSUS IF IT DEVELOPS. ACCORDING TO SOVIET DELEGATION CHIEF, WARSAW PACT PARTICIPANTS CAN ACCEPT THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL WITHOUT CHANGE. NATO MEMBERS WHO URGED FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL AT THE JULY 9 CC MEETING INCLUDED FRANCE, UK, BELGIUM, NORWAY AND DENMARK. US REP WELCOMED THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL AS FITTING CLEARLY WITH AMERICAN PREFERENCES. ALTHOUGH REALIZING IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH CONSENSUS IMMEDIATELY, HE LOOKED FORWARD TO A POSITIVE DECISION ON JULY 10. IN THE MEANTIME, HE URGED THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT TO KEEP OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF JULY 30 AS A DATE FOR STAGE III.

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4. COMMENT: CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ARRIVED AT JULY 30 AS TARGET DATE AFTER FINNISH AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM THE ONLY WAY HIS GOVERNMENT COULD SUCCESSFULLY HOLD STAGE III ON JULY 29 WOULD BE TO TREAT THE SUMMIT AS A "GRAVE NATIONAL EMERGENCY". FINNISH REP WARNED PARTICIPANTS AT JULY 9 MEETING THAT EVEN HOLDING STAGE III ON JULY 30 WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND THAT PREPARATIONS WOULD NOT BE UP TO THE STANDARD USUALLY EXPECTED IN HELSINKI.

5. COORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL RESUME DISCUSSION AT 1000
ON JULY 10. FINNS HAVE SAID 1200 ON JULY 10 IS ABSOLUTE
DEADLINE FOR DECISION ON JULY 30. DALE

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